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December 4, 2007

According to the Department of Public Works, approximately 6 billion plastic carryout bags are consumed in Los Angeles County each year. This is equivalent to 600 plastic bags per person per year. The prevalence of these bags has significantly contributed to the litter problem and environmental degradation. We need to encourage residents to switch to reusable bags because of their environmental benefits. Using reusable bags decrease litter, conserve natural resources, reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills, keep our communities clean, and protect the marine environment.

Heal the Bay is sponsoring "A Day Without a Bag" on December 20, 2007, to promote behavioral change. This is a great opportunity for the County to help raise environmental awareness in our day-to-day activities as well as prevent plastic bag litter.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

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1. Adopt the enclosed Resolution and proclaim Thursday, December 20, 2007, as
“A Day Without a Bag” throughout the County of Los Angeles; and
2. Urge shoppers to forego single-use plastic and paper bags in favor of reusable
bags.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 20, 2007, AS A DAY WITHOUT A BAG THROUGHOUT
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 6 billion plastic carryout bags are used in Los Angeles County; and,

WHEREAS, in the United States, less than 5 percent of plastic bags are recycled; and,

WHEREAS, the indiscriminate littering of plastic bags creates significant litter problems for Los Angeles County streets, beaches, and the marine environment, and harms seabirds, marine animals, and countless fish through ingestion and entanglement of marine debris, including plastic bags; and,

WHEREAS, each year, the State of California spends approximately \$25 million to landfill discarded plastic bags; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles has set solid waste reduction and recycling goals, and is taking action to reduce the proliferation of plastic bags; and,

WHEREAS, reusable bags contribute towards environmental sustainability over single-use plastic and paper carryout bags and well as significantly reduce plastic bag litter; and,

WHEREAS, Heal the Bay and its community partners have established December 20, 2007 as "A Day Without a Bag" which urge shoppers to forego single-use plastic and paper bags in favor of reusable bags.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby proclaims December 20, 2007 as "A Day Without a Bag" in Los Angeles County.

The forgoing resolution was adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2007, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.